Selection of Mr. S. Ramachandran as Drainage Engineer.

220. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. S. Ramachandran has got any degree in drainage or sanitary engineering;

(*b*) whether he has got any previous experience in sanitary or drainage works;

(*c*) whether he has been in independent charge of any important original works;

(*d*) the considerations which weighed with Government in selecting him for this work; and

(*e*) whether there is a proposal to send Mr. Ramachandran to some parts of British India to study drainage work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No, but officers of the grade of Mr. S. Ramachandran are not generally put in independent charge of any important original work, unless a special Sub-division or Division is sanctioned for the purpose.

(*d*) His experience in sanitary and drainage works.

(*e*) There is no such proposal at present.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) May I know from the member with regard to the answer to part (*b*), whether he has experience in sanitary and drainage work in foreign countries?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): How long?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know whether the Government considers this work as an important original drainage work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is only an investigation.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether, after this investigation, the same officer will be put in charge of this work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): That does not arise, since the proposed work is only an investigation.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member whether Government have requisitioned the services of an Engineer from outside in connection with the investigation of the drainage scheme?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): There is a proposal to be made.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*): May I know what necessitated that since a Special Officer has been appointed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It will depend upon the report of the Special Officer.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know whether the Special Officer has made any report on this ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The Special Officer has not made any report.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know what the Special Officer is to do ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The Special Officer is simply employed to investigate.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Am I to understand that the investigation is not to be followed by a report ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The result of the investigation will first be considered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*) : May I know, Sir whether the officer from outside will also submit to Government a report ? Is it the idea ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : Expert opinion will be got from him independent of the report from the Special Officer.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Am I to take it, Sir that the report of the Special Officer, whether submitted or not, will not be considered by Government ?

MR G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It is only an investigation.

PRESIDENT : So far as I understand the Chief Engineer, the investigation would be merely a collection of material to enable the expert officer to frame his report on the scheme.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Rural*) : May I know what would be the approximate cost of securing this expert opinion ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It will depend upon what the person whom we select is asked to do.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Sir, I wish to know what it will cost Government to get the expert opinion and what the Government propose to do with the opinion.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether this particular officer has any practical experience anywhere in sanitary or drainage work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The answer has already been given.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : It is not definitely stated whether he has practical or theoretical knowledge in drainage work anywhere.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I ask for notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : It was stated by the Chief Engineer that he had absolutely no idea as to how long a period

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[Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai-]

he was gathering the experience in foreign countries. I wish to know whether it is 10 years or 12 years, whether the Chief Engineer can give me a vaguely approximate idea. If he could have given that answer, I would not have put the question. Then it is said, as answer to part (*a*), that Mr. Ramachandran has no particular qualification in Drainage or sanitary engineering; and under the circumstances, may I know why he alone was chosen from the Department to be in charge of the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It has been explained.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): My view is that it has not been explained by the member. I am entitled to get an answer from the member why, of all others, he alone had been chosen for the work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): He was considered the man most suitable.

MR E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it a definite answer given by the Chief Engineer? May I know whether he has a list of applications for the post?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer can tell me whether there were any applicants from Travancore service for this post?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. E. V KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I wish to know whether this officer is provided with an assistant for drainage work.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): What do you mean by assistant? Assistant with engineering qualification? This is only an investigation and not carrying out the scheme.

Resident Medical Officers.

221. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the number of hospitals, in the State, where there are Resident Medical Officers;

(*b*) the names of the present Resident Medical Officers in the state and

(*c*) the term for which each of them was serving as Resident Medical officer?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 5.

(*b*) and (*c*)

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